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Applicant/Patent Owner: Thomas J. Watson CSC  
Technology Center 2800Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: 23-Oct-2001Entitled: System and Method for Filtering Reflected Infrared SignalsSynapse, Inc. a Corporation  
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10-23-01Wade C. Patterson

Date

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SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Synapse, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 500 Dan Tibbs Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35806, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all inventions and/or improvements which are disclosed in the Non-provisional Patent Application Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_, filed 23-Oct-2001, which is entitled, "System and Method for Filtering Reflected Infrared Signals" such application, and all provisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such inventions and/or improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such inventions and/or improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such inventions and/or improvements to the Assignee;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST Synapse, Inc.'s attorney, David L. Berdan of Lanier Ford Shaver and Payne, P.C., located in Huntsville, Alabama, to insert, where indicated above, the serial number and filing date of the Provisional Patent Application when known;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

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TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas J. Watson

Thomas J. Watson

Date: 10-23-01

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF MADISON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 23rd day of October, 2001, personally appeared Thomas J. Watson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Wendy J. Babcock  
Notary Public